

## House Republican Press Release

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### **Rep. Piscopo Re-appointed Minority Whip; Receives Committee Assignments**



State Representative John E. Piscopo, R-76<sup>th</sup> District, has been reappointed as a House Minority Whip, a major leadership position within the House Republican caucus. He also was reappointed to the General Assembly's Finance, Revenue and Bonding, Environment, Legislative and Executive Nominations, and Bill Review committees,

House Minority Leader Robert M. Ward, R-86<sup>th</sup> District, announced today.

"John Piscopo is one of the most knowledgeable, reliable and hard-working members of the House Republican caucus. He is personable and persuasive and I rely heavily on him when it comes to gaining support for our legislative initiatives," Rep. Ward said. "John's years of experience in Hartford, his understanding of the legislative process and his ability to build a consensus, have made him an invaluable member of our leadership team. He gets things done in Hartford that benefit both his constituents in Burlington, Harwinton, Litchfield and Thomaston and the state as a whole."

As a House Minority Whip, Rep. Piscopo works with other members of the House Republican caucus to ensure they understand and support important GOP initiatives during legislative sessions. Rep. Piscopo has served as a minority whip since his 1997 - 1998 term. Before being named Minority Whip, he served as an Assistant Minority Leader from 1993 through 1996.

"I'd like to thank Bob Ward for re-appointing me as Minority Whip and for supporting my re-appointment to the finance, environment, legislative nominations and bill review committees," Representative Piscopo said. "We will be facing some major challenges during the 2005 legislative session, not least of which will be the need to protect Connecticut's overburdened taxpayers and employers from the threat of new tax increases."

"Our economy is just beginning to recover from a recession that lasted almost three years and companies are hiring new employees once again. If the legislature imposes a new round of tax increases this year, it could dampen the recovery and bring on a new wave of unemployment. As a member of the finance committee, I will do everything I can to prevent the imposition of new taxes and to halt any attempts to increase existing ones," Representative Piscopo said.

